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For: NOVEL TRIGGERING RECEPTOR INVOLVED IN
NATURAL CYTOTOXICITY MEDIATED BY HUMAN
NATURAL KILLER CELLS AND ANTIBODIES THAT
IDENTIFY THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

7. (Amended) An isolated immuno-reactive fragment of an antibody according to claim

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12. (Amended) A method for detecting or quantifying the presence of NK cells in a biological sample, comprising:

-contacting the biological sample with the antiserum-type compositions according to claim 4, under conditions appropriate for immune complex formation, and
-detecting or quantifying the immune complexes thus formed.

13. (Amended) A method for detecting or quantifying the presence of NK cells in a biological sample, comprising: